

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1, 7, 13, 15, 21, and 27 are pending, with Claims 1 and 15 being independent. Claims 43 through 56, which were withdrawn from consideration, have been cancelled as required by in the Official Action. Claims 1, 7, 13, 15, 21, and 27 have been amended.

Claims 1, 7, 13, 15, 21, and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent No. 6,453,127 B2 (Wood, et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,699,494 (Colbert, et al.). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1 and 15 variously recite, inter alia, that the printing apparatus has at least one of a printing function and a scanning function, and comprises a Web server that can be accessed by external apparatuses, wherein the Web server's transmission unit (Claim 1) or the Web server (Claim 15) transmits to one of the external apparatuses that serves as a Web client the client display data for use in a client display screen in which a character message to be displayed is input and wherein the Web server's reception unit (Claim 1) or the Web server (Claim 15) receives message data based on a character message input by the Web client via the client display screen displayed, with causing the display unit to display a message formed based on the message data received, when the execution unit (Claim 1) or executing step (Claim 15) is in a standby state.

However, Applicant respectfully submits that neither Wood, et al. nor Colbert, et al., even in the proposed combination, assuming, arguendo, that the documents could be combined, discloses or suggests at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, inter alia, in Claims 1 and 15.

In this regard, the Official Action states that Wood, et al.'s computer 30 and copier/printer 15 together are the claimed apparatus, and the Official Action relies upon Wood, et al.'s web server application program 32. The foregoing is respectfully traversed. Applicant respectfully submits that these two separate apparatuses (30 and 15) do not constitute a printing apparatus having at least one of a printing function and a scanning function that comprises a Web server as claimed, and Applicant points out that program 32 is provided in the computer 30, not in the copier/printer 15.

Further, the Official Action relies upon Wood, et al.'s connections 17 and 18 and Fig. 4, and states that such constitutes the claimed transmission and client display screen, and also that "scan, reprint etc." from Fig. 4 constitutes the claimed character message, and that col. 6 shows displaying a message as claimed. The foregoing is respectfully traversed. Applicant respectfully submits that neither the foregoing nor the remainder of Wood, et al. provides either a description or a suggestion of the above-discussed claimed features, including, inter alia, the recitations of the client display screen in which a character message to be displayed is input, and displaying a message formed based on the message data received, when the execution unit or step is in a standby state.

The Official Action therefore relies upon Colbert, et al.'s col. 6, lines 55-60 and col. 10, lines 45-55, and states that the same shows such displaying. The foregoing is respectfully traversed. Applicant respectfully notes that the former section discloses, e.g., that replica 35' is presented in the form of a GUI which substantially mimics printer operator panel 35, while the latter section discloses, e.g., that information which is to appear on the display 37 is determined as a function of the present state of printer 16 as indicated by printer state manager 140 and any inputs received as the result of actuation of any of pushbuttons of the panel "or their virtual counterparts... which form a part of replica 35". However, Applicant respectfully submits that such constitutes neither a description nor a suggestion of at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, inter alia, in Claims 1 and 15.

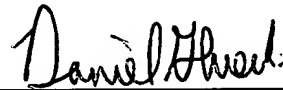
It is further respectfully submitted that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited documents that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at the above-discussed claimed features. By means of such claimed features, Applicant respectfully submits that, for example, the present invention provides a solution to the problem that when a printer is in an error state, for example, the printer manager must inform printer users of the error state by sticking a paper memo on the printer; in other words, the present invention permits, for example, a printer manager to display a suitable message on a display unit of the printer.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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